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The Honorable Lindsey O. Graham
United States Senator
130 South Main Street, Suite 700
Greenville, South Carolina 29601

Dear Senator Graham:

Thank you for your letter of May 19, 2016, supporting the brownfields grant proposal from the city of Florence, South Carolina. On behalf of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, I regret to inform you that the proposal from the city of Florence was not selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant.

Grant proposals were selected based on the criteria outlined in the "Proposal Guidelines for Brownfields Assessment Grants," which are posted on our brownfields website at www.epa.gov/brownfields. Each proposal was carefully reviewed and evaluated by a selection panel that applies these objective criteria in this highly competitive program. The EPA relies upon these objective criteria to ensure that this review process remains open and fair. Although the proposal from the city of Florence was not selected in this round, we have encouraged the city to reevaluate its proposal and resubmit it for consideration in the next competition, should funding become available.

Again, thank you for your letter. If you have further questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Raquel Snyder in the EPA's Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations at snyder.raquel@epa.gov or at (202) 564-9586.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Mathy Stanislaus", is positioned above the typed name.

Mathy Stanislaus
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